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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA**  
**GREAT FALLS DIVISION**

<b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,</b>  <b>Plaintiff,</b>  <b>vs.</b>  <b>SUSAN ELLEN FASSLER,</b>  <b>Defendant.</b>	<b>CR 11-52-GF-BMM-04</b>  <b>UNITED STATES' RESPONSE TO</b> <b>THE COURT'S JUNE 18, 2020</b> <b>ORDER</b>
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On June 18, 2020, the Court entered an order requesting “input from the parties regarding a positive home environment for Fassler’s release and a plan to meet her medical, treatment, and employment needs.” Doc. 256.

The undersigned does not have any information regarding the defendant’s release plan other than what the defendant submitted in response to the Court’s order. *See*, Doc. 259.

The undersigned, however, has obtained updated medical records for Fassler. *See*, Exhibit 1. The records show that the defendant was evaluated by Dr. Nader Peikar on April 7, 2020. Ex. 1 at 63. Dr. Peikar stated that the defendant's symptoms related to Chiari malformation were worsening. *Id.* He also stated that elective surgery was delayed at the time because of COVID-19, but if the defendant's condition worsened then an urgent procedure would be considered. *Id.*

More recently, on August 6, 2020, it states that the defendant was admitted to the neurosurgery service at the San Bernardino Medical Center due to her Chiari malformation. Ex. 1 at 1.

DATED this 11th day of August, 2020.

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on August 11, 2020, a copy of the foregoing document was served on the following persons by the following means:

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